

## House Resolution No. 3265

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State political subdivisions that have proven down through the years to be exemplary places in which to live, work, and raise families; and

**Whereas**, Vernon County in western Missouri is the home of a courthouse that was completed in February 1908 and built of Carthage stone; and

**Whereas**, measuring 80 feet by 100 feet and rising to 126 feet at the top of its dome, the Vernon County courthouse will be the site of a One Hundredth Anniversary celebration on June 11, 2008; and

**Whereas**, placed on the National Register of Historical Places on June 27, 1997, the Vernon County courthouse cost nearly \$80,000 to construct and has been maintained with respect to the original design; and

**Whereas**, the Vernon County courthouse currently in use is the third such courthouse used for county governmental offices; and

**Whereas**, the first courthouse was constructed as a two-story building that was accepted by county officials on June 23, 1857, just two short years after Vernon County was organized; and

**Whereas**, when the first courthouse was destroyed during the Civil War, a second structure was begun in 1867 and completed in October 1868 with a circuit court on the second floor that could be rented by church groups, lodges, other groups, or individuals for dances, shows, exhibitions, and religious, political, railroad, or agricultural meetings; and

**Whereas**, after the second courthouse deteriorated and was razed in 1906, the current courthouse was begun using a similar design to the nineteenth century courthouses located in Adair and Johnson countries and to the twentieth century Polk County courthouse, all of which were built by architect R.G. Kirsch:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history of the Vernon County courthouse and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the structure's completion; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Vernon County courthouse.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Barney Fisher  
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3265, adopted May 27, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker